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President: Mr. Šimonović (Croatia)

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The meeting was called to order at 4.35 p.m.

Opening of the session

1. **The President** declared open the resumed 2001 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council: granting of observer status to the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (IAESCSI)

2. **The President** said that if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Council wished to grant observer status to the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (IAESCSI).

3. *It was so decided.*

4. **Mr. Gamaleldin** (Egypt) said he wished to associate himself with the statement made by the Chairman of the Group of 77 during the informal consultations calling on the Secretariat and the Office of Legal Affairs to prepare a report on how the participation of mixed organizations should be considered in future in order to avoid reviewing applications on a case-by-case basis.

5. **Mr. Zarie Zare** (Islamic Republic of Iran), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, said that the summary record should state that the granting of observer status to the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions should not be considered a precedent, while also noting its close cooperation with the Council and the important work which it undertook at the national and local levels with regard to issues of interest to the Council. He further requested the Secretariat, in consultation with the Office of Legal Affairs, to submit a report to the Council which would set forth specific procedures relating to the participation of such mixed organizations in the work of the Council.

6. **The President** said that if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Council wished to request the Secretariat, in consultation with the Office of Legal Affairs, to prepare a report on the participation of mixed organizations in the work of the Council.

7. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 4.45 p.m.